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United States Senate

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George Sigounas, MS, Ph.D.
Administrator
Health Resources and Services Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

*Re: Indiana Rural Health Association Application for Funding from the Rural Communities
Opioid Response Program – HRSA-18-116*

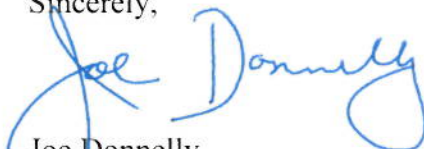
Dear Dr. Sigounas:

As Senator from the State of Indiana and a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, I have a special place in my heart for the rural residents of the State. Unfortunately, like many Americans, rural Hoosiers lack access to effective addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services. For this reason I support the efforts of the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) to strengthen the organizational and infrastructural capacity of local consortiums focused on reducing opioid overdose morbidity and mortality through prevention, treatment and recovery.

With funding from this grant, IRHA and its partners will focus efforts on Boone, Cass, Fayette, Franklin, Lawrence, Scott, Union, Washington and Wayne counties. These nine geographically diverse counties are all witnessing increasing morbidity and mortality caused by substance use.

Indiana Rural Health Association is dedicated to improving the delivery of healthcare services for the underserved rural population of Indiana. I encourage a favorable review of this application for funding in accordance with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being notified when a decision is made. Questions and announcements can be directed to my office by contacting Marianne Black at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov or at (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator